

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Budget Summary							
Fund	2014-15 Base Year Doubled	2015-17 Governor	2015-17 Jt. Finance	2015-17 Legislature	2015-17 Act 55	Act 55 Change Over <u>Base Year Doubled</u>	
						Amount	Percent
GPR	\$585,400	\$0	\$603,200	\$603,200	\$603,200	\$17,800	3.0%

FTE Position Summary						
Fund	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Governor	2016-17 Jt. Finance	2016-17 Legislature	2016-17 Act 55	Act 55 Change Over 2014-15 Base
GPR	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

GPR	\$17,800
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Governor/Legislature: Provide standard budget adjustments associated with full funding of salary and fringe benefits (\$7,500 annually) and full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$1,100 in 2015-16 and \$1,700 in 2016-17).

2. TRANSFER JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO THE SUPREME COURT [LFB Paper 405]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance/Leg. (Chg. to Gov)		Net Change	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	-\$603,200	- 2.00	\$603,200	2.00	\$0	0.00

Governor: Eliminate the Judicial Commission as a separately budgeted agency, and transfer funding and position authority to the Supreme Court. Funding would include \$301,300 in 2015-16 and \$301,900 in 2016-17 and 2.0 positions annually. Rename the Supreme Court's Bar Examiners and Responsibility program to be Bar Examiners and Responsibility; Judicial

Commission. Create a new biennial appropriation for general program operations of the Judicial Commission and payments related to contractual agreements for investigations, prosecutions, or both. Currently, the Commission has an annual appropriation for general program operations and a biennial appropriation for contractual agreements for investigations.

Under current law, the Judicial Commission investigates and prosecutes any possible misconduct or permanent disability of Wisconsin judges or court commissioners. The Commission includes nine members: (a) five nonlawyers nominated by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and (b) one Circuit Court judge, one Court of Appeals judge, and two members of the State Bar of Wisconsin, who are not judges or court commissioners, appointed by the Supreme Court. The Commission elects one of its members as chairperson.

Joint Finance/Legislature: Delete provision. [See "Supreme Court."]